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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/29/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/22/07
Broiler/fryer	120,576	175,791
Light hens	827	1,590
Heavy hens	977	1,544

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Head sltr Comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Last Week	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Same week yr ago	U N A V A I L A B L E		
To-date/2007	U N A V A I L A B L E		
To-date/2006	U N A V A I L A B L E		

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

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**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	174,400	1,475	1,570	3,045
Avg Wt	5.45	3.34	7.91	5.70
Head sltr comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E			
Last week	168,456	1,541	1,443	2,984
Same wk yr ago	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,678
Avg Wt	5.37	3.33	8.02	6.01
To-date/2007	8,279,134	56,984	74,813	131,797
To-date/2006	8,217,320	54,666	75,958	130,624

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.5 million head, or 16.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	49,389	83,920	24,047	17,044	174,400
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.45	6.92	8.34	5.45
% of total /1	28%	48%	14%	10%	100%
Last week	44,399	82,551	24,891	16,615	168,456
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.50	6.98	8.49	5.56
% of total /1	26%	49%	15%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,757	84,148	21,521	12,123	159,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.37	6.98	8.29	5.37
% of total /1	26%	53%	13%	8%	100%
To date/2007	2,191,468	4,095,402	1,349,226	643,038	8,279,134
To date/2006	2,321,431	4,078,692	1,142,384	674,813	8,217,320

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,929	2,412	3	22	4,366
Avg Wt	16.12	39.71	28.10	26.38	29.21
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,969	2,789	28	5	4,791
Same wk yr ago	1,497	1,975	26	9	3,507
Avg Wt	15.88	37.99	26.14	24.03	28.43
To-date/2007	102,049	135,495	1,244	286	239,074
To-date/2006	100,123	131,190	1,382	226	232,921

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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